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In re application of )  
J.B. Leleu et al. )  
Serial No. 09/160,133 ) Art Unit: 1623  
Filed: September 25, 1998 ) Examiner: E. White

FOR: MALTITOL CRYSTALS OF PARTICULAR FORMS, CRYSTALLINE  
COMPOSITIONS CONTAINING THEM AND PROCESSES FOR THEIR  
PREPARATION

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Assignee respectfully submits the present preliminary  
amendment.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please substitute claims 65 to 67 for claims 33 to 64,  
without prejudice.

65. In a process of crystallizing maltitol from a  
starting maltitol syrup having a maltitol content greater than  
or equal to 87%, the improvement consisting in selecting the  
content of maltotriitol in said starting syrup as being less  
than 1% to obtain bipyramidal crystals, as being equal to or  
greater than 4% to obtain prismatic crystals, or as being